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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments without prejudice.

**In the Specification:**

Please replace pages 1-170 of the specification with the substitute specification provided herewith. No new matter has been added.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 22, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 50.